

(c) Age Limit for Part-Time Correspondents

The contract in the case of Part-Time Correspondents will be continued on six monthly basis upto the age of 60 years subject to satisfactory performance. The renewal of the contract beyond 60 years will however be subject to production of a certificate of physical fitness from the competent medical authority.

IV. Remuneration

The remuneration of the Part-Time Correspondent will be as under:

- (i) The remuneration payable to a Part-Time Correspondent will be Rs. 750/- per month if a minimum of 10 stories have been filed per month and at least 50% of the same have been utilised. If utilisation is less than 50% payment will be made at the rate of Rs. 350/- per month.
- (ii) If the number of stories filed by a Part-Time Correspondent is between 6-9 (both inclusive) per month and at least 50% of the stories filed have been utilised, remuneration will be paid at the rate of Rs. 350/- per month. No payment may be made if utilisation is less than 50% of the number of stories filed.
- (iii) Where the number of stories filed is between 0-5 (both inclusive) per month, no payment will be made.

Website link for betting

4033. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Doordarshan had provided a website link for betting on the future of recent Indo-Australian Test matches played in Chennai, etc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating, *inter-alia*, the *modus operandi* of participation therein by Indians;
- (c) whether existence or functioning of a website link for betting is

against the basic policy/objectives of Prasar Bharati/Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that such website links for betting do not function in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has given rights for the internet on a non-exclusive basis to M/s TWI-Stracon India which would run concurrent to the agreement signed with them for selling the air-time in the territories outside India during the telecast of the cricket matches played from January, 2000 to September, 2004. They would be responsible for creating and maintaining the official website of Doordarshan. It had come to the notice of the Prasar Bharati, that this website was being used for betting purposes. Prasar Bharati, immediately got the link to betting site removed from this website. Betting is punishable under the law and any offence in this regard will be dealt with as per the laws of the land.

Foreign equity in Indian Broadcasting Sector

***4034. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to allow cent-percent foreign equity in Indian Broadcasting Sector;
- (b) if so, whether Doordarshan and All India Radio have raised objections to this decision;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government don't subscribe to this point of view; and
- (e) if so, the factual position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.